

ATTACHMENT B
Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel claim 7 without prejudice or disclaimer.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A method of preparing a an injectable trace element solution, said method consisting essentially of the steps of:

(a) preparing a single solution comprising more than one EDTA-complex as a sodium salt in a single continuous process by suspending either disodium EDTA in water or suspending EDTA acid in water with sodium hydroxide, and adding a metal compound selected from the group consisting of metal oxides, metal hydroxides and metal carbonates to the EDTA solution to form the EDTA-complex; and

(b) adding sodium selenite to the solution of EDTA-complexes to form the trace element solution,

wherein the trace element solution comprises a metal concentration of at least 60 mg/ml.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, in which the EDTA-complexes comprise at least one of the metal cation components selected from the group consisting of copper, manganese, zinc, molybdenum and chromium.

4. (Original) A trace element solution as prepared by a method as claimed in claim 1.

5-7. (Canceled)

8. (Original) A method of providing trace elements to animals, such as livestock, which comprises the steps of preparing a trace element solution as claimed in claim 1, and of providing the solution in a suitable quantity to an animal.

9. (Canceled)

10. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the trace element solution comprises at least four components selected from the group consisting of zinc, manganese, selenium, chromium and copper.

11. (New) An injectable trace element solution comprising zinc, manganese, selenium and copper, and having a metal concentration of at least 60 mg/ml.

12. (New) An injectable trace element solution comprising at least four components selected from the group consisting of zinc, manganese, selenium, chromium and copper, and comprising a metal concentration of at least 60 mg/ml.

13. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the trace element solution comprises:
- (a) at least 20 mg/ml zinc;
 - (b) at least 20 mg/ml manganese;
 - (c) at least 5 mg/ml selenium;
 - (d) at least 5 mg/ml chromium; and
 - (e) at least 10 mg/ml copper.
14. (New) An injectable trace element solution comprising:
- (a) at least 20 mg/ml zinc;
 - (b) at least 20 mg/ml manganese;
 - (c) at least 5 mg/ml selenium;
 - (d) at least 5 mg/ml chromium; and
 - (e) at least 10 mg/ml copper.